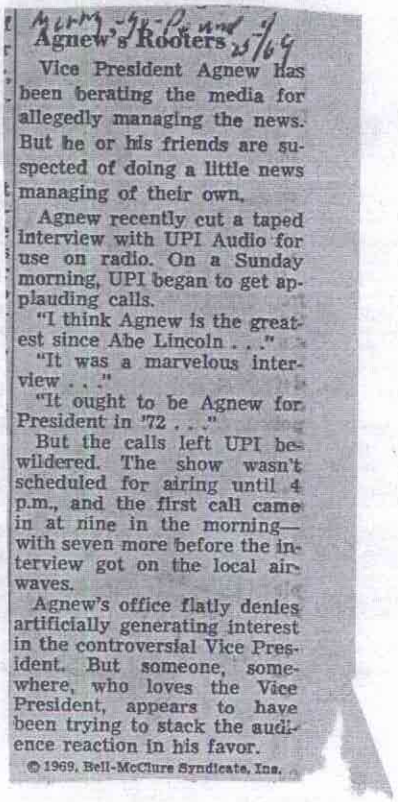

Agnew's Rooters

Vice President Agnew has been berating the media for allegedly managing the news. But he or his friends are suspected of doing a little news managing of their own.

Agnew recently cut a taped interview with UPI Audio for use on radio. On a Sunday morning, UPI began to get applauding calls.

"I think Agnew is the greatest since Abe Lincoln . . ."

"It was a marvelous interview . . ."

"It ought to be Agnew for President in '72 . . ."

But the calls left UPI bewildered. The show wasn't scheduled for airing until 4 p.m., and the first call came in at nine in the morning—with seven more before the interview got on the local airwaves.

Agnew's office flatly denies artificially generating interest in the controversial Vice President. But someone, somewhere, who loves the Vice President, appears to have been trying to stack the audience reaction in his favor.

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